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## Dispensary Licensee Newsletter - June 2023

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### IMPORTANT UPDATES

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#### Expired Cards

There have been reports of patients being turned away from dispensaries who do not verify the actual status of the registry identification card.

Patients and caregivers are required to have an active card on their person (or digital format/phone) when purchasing or possessing medical marijuana. However, if the dispensary can confirm via the registration that the registry identification card and recommendation are not expired, then the dispensary does not need to refuse the individual.

Assuming the status of a printed card's registration or recommendation is a preventable mistake. [Ohio Administrative Code rule 3796:6-3-08](#) requires that registry identification cards be scanned to verify the individual's registry data. According to OAC rule 3796:6-3-08(F), it is the responsibility of the dispensary to use a scanner approved by the state Board of Pharmacy to retrieve registry data by scanning patient or caregiver registry identification cards. This should accurately determine the status of the registration and recommendation.

It is at the discretion of the dispensary to accept or not accept the presentation of an expired registration card. Either way, the dispensary must confirm through the registry the patient's registration and recommendation are not expired.

The issue for a valid patient or caregiver who has a printed-but-expired card is if they get questioned by law enforcement, because the officer has no access to the registry to confirm if the card is actually active. So, some dispensaries will print out a new card for the unexpired patient or caregiver who presents a printed-but-expired registry card.

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### LICENSING

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#### Medical Marijuana Employee Renewal Final Reminder

Medical Marijuana Dispensary Employee (Associated Key, Key, and Support) renewal applications must be submitted no later than July 1, 2023. Dispensary Employee license renewal information [can be reviewed here](#).

NOTE: Only licenses with an 'Active' status and expiration date of July 1, 2023 will be eligible for renewal. Any employee who has experienced a separation of employment from a dispensary and therefore has an Inactive license, must complete a reinstatement application. Employees licensed prior to April 1, 2023, who are associated with a dispensary awarded a certificate of operation as part of RFA II, will be required to renew even though the dispensary's certificate of operation is not subject to renewal in 2023.

#### Board of Pharmacy Awarded Dispensary Certificates of Operation

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy awarded a Dispensary Certificate of Operation to the following locations:

- Nar Reserve, located at 342 E Long St., Columbus
- Backroad Wellness at 3210 Rhodes Ave., New Boston
- Thrive Wellness Dispensary at 318 W Market St., Tiffin
- Ohio Cannabis Company at 8866 N County Road 25a, Piqua
- Story of Coshocton at 115 N 2nd St., Coshocton
- Shangri-La Dispensary at 211 Brooks Dr., Monroe
- Southern Ohio Botanicals at 15451 US 23, Waverly
- The Landing Dispensary at 1312 SR-63, Monroe
- Nectar Medical Cannabis Dispensary at 3405 Werk Rd., Cincinnati
- Guaranteed Dispensary at 1910 Wayne Ave., Dayton

The Board has now issued 91 Dispensary Certificates of Operation.

The [interactive map](#) of Dispensaries with Certificates of Operation is updated.

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